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Group Art Unit: 1615

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

(X) No additional fee is required.

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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

The Office Action of November 24, 1999 has been carefully reviewed and the following amendments and remarks are made in response thereto.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please make the following amendments:

Page 2, after line 6, insert the following paragraph:

-- These and other objects are attained by the subject invention wherein there is provided a carrier or product formed of a matrix having starch, sugar, fat, polyhydric alcohol and water in suitable ratios such that there exists a water activity of 0.6-0.75. The water activity of the product matrix is adjusted up or down so that the availability of water in the finished

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